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Paperwork Reduction Act

This proposed rulemaking involves no new collection-of-information requirements subject to review and approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Collection activities are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control numbers 0625-0040 and 0625-0134 and the amendments will not increase the information burden on the public.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

E.O. 12866.

It has been determined that the proposed rulemaking is not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 303

Administrative practice and procedure, American Samoa, Customs duties and inspection, Guam, Imports, Marketing quotas, Northern Mariana Islands, Reporting and record keeping requirements, Virgin Islands, Watches and jewelry.

For reasons set forth above, The Departments propose to amend 15 CFR Part 303 as follows:

PART 303—WATCHES, WATCH MOVEMENTS AND JEWELRY PROGRAM

1. The authority citation for 15 CFR Part 303 reads as follows:

Authority: Pub. L. 97-446, 96 Stat. 2331 (19 U.S.C. 1202, note); Pub. L. 103-465, 108 Stat. 4991; Pub. L. 94-241, 90 Stat. 263 (48 U.S.C. 1681, note); Pub. L. 106-36, 113 Stat. 127, 167.

2. Section 303.2(a)(5) is revised to read as follows:

§ 303.2 Definitions and forms.

(a) *Definitions.* Unless the context indicates otherwise:

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(5) *New firm* is a watch firm which may not be affiliated through ownership or control with any other watch duty-refund recipient. In assessing whether persons or parties are affiliated, the Secretaries will consider the following factors, among others: stock ownership; corporate or family groupings; franchise or joint venture agreements; debt financing; and close supplier

relationships. The Secretaries may not find that control exists on the basis of these factors unless the relationship has the potential to affect decisions concerning production, pricing, or cost. Also, no watch duty-refund recipient may own or control more than one jewelry duty-refund recipient. A *new entrant* is a new watch firm which has received an allocation.

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3. The first sentence of § 303.2(a)(13) is amended by removing “up to the amount per person shown in § 303.14(a)(1)(i)” and adding “up to an amount equal to 65% of the contribution and benefit base for Social Security as defined in the Social Security Act for the year in which the wages were earned” in its place.

§ 303.14 [Amended]

4. Section 303.14(a)(1)(i) is amended by removing “, up to a maximum of \$38,650 per person,” and adding “, up to an amount equal to 65% of the contribution and benefit base for Social Security as defined in the Social Security Act for the year in which the wages were earned,” in its place.

5. Section 303.14(e) is amended by removing “2,240,000” and adding “1,866,000” in its place.

§ 303.16 [Amended]

6. The first sentence of § 303.16(a)(9) is amended by removing “up to the amount per person of \$38,650” and adding “up to an amount equal to 65% of the contribution and benefit base for Social Security as defined in the Social Security Act for the year in which the wages were earned” in its place.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA-172-0205A; FRL-6519-2]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision South Coast Air Quality Management District; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of the comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is extending the comment period for a proposed rule published December 17, 1999 (64 FR 70652). On December 17, 1999, EPA proposed a disapproval of revisions to the California State Implementation Plan concerning federal recognition of variances in the South Coast Air Quality Management District. In response to requests from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the San Diego Air Pollution Control District, and the Regulatory Flexibility Group, EPA is extending the comment period for 14 days.

DATES: The comment period is extended until January 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Ginger Vagenas, Permits Office (AIR-3), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ginger Vagenas at (415) 744-1252.

Dated: December 21, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

49 CFR Part 1244

[STB Ex Parte No. 385 (Sub-No. 4)]

Modification of the Carload Waybill Sample and Public Use File Regulations

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Modifications to the existing regulations are proposed that would require all railroads to identify contract movements in the annual carload waybill sample. A 30-year limit on the confidentiality of the “Waybill Sample” is also proposed.

DATES: Comments are due February 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to STB Ex Parte No. 385 (Sub-No. 4) to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001.

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